

gas from the exhaust manifold into the cylinder as the piston travels away from the cylinder head. The exhaust valve closes and the entrapped exhaust gas is compressed and then released providing a second engine braking cycle 3. The motion of the intake valve will now be described. [Subsequently, the intake valve opens, air is drawn into the cylinder and compressed and then released providing a first engine braking cycle. Subsequently, the intake valve opens, air is drawn into the cylinder and compressed repeating the two-cycle braking.] The intake valve's opening 4 is modified (from its positive power timing 8) to occur after TDC of the second braking cycle 3 to insure the compressed exhaust gas is not vented into the intake manifold.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 22 and 27 as follows:

22. (Amended) An assembly for operating an engine valve comprising:
- a rocker shaft;
 - a rocker arm pivotally mounted on said rocker shaft, said rocker arm including a cavity at a valve actuation end;
 - an hydraulic lash adjuster slidably disposed in the rocker arm cavity;
 - an hydraulic passage provided in the rocker arm, said passage communicating with the rocker arm cavity; and
 - means for (a) supplying hydraulic fluid to the passage during a positive power mode of engine operation and (b) venting hydraulic fluid from the passage during an engine braking mode of engine operation.